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REMARKS

Claims 15-50 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant has cancelled Claims 27-33 and 42-45 without prejudice, consistent with Applicant's election of the Group I invention. Hence, Claims 15-26, 34-41 and 46-55 are presented for examination herein.

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Restriction Election

Applicant herein elects the Group I invention without traverse for further prosecution. Applicant submits that new Claims 51-55, which depend from Claim 15 directly or indirectly, also read on the elected Group I invention.

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September 27, 2002 Amendment

Pursuant to Applicants' telephone conversation with Examiner John Mulcahy on May 28, 2003, Applicant understands that its Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement, which was filed by facsimile with the USPTO on September 27, 2002, was entered in this application.

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Other Remarks

Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope, including those of non-elected inventions, in a continuation or divisional application.

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Applicant notes that any claim cancellations or additions made herein are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention and responding to the aforementioned restriction election, and not for purposes of overcoming art or for patentability. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such cancellations or additions.

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Furthermore, any remarks made with respect to a given claim or claims are limited solely to such claim or claims.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments which may be resolved over the telephone, he is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.


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Respectfully submitted,

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